



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Fish and Wildlife Biologist 2
\$3213.00 – \$4214.00 Range: 48

Recruitment 1396e-10 Opens: January 20, 2011 Closes: February 18, 2011

Job Summary

Located in the Marine Fish Science Unit at Mill Creek Regional Headquarters and reporting to a senior Fish Biologist, this position is responsible for conducting professional resource assessments for marine fish in the inland marine waters of Washington, including the analysis, assessment, and interpretation of results and preparation of final written reports. The position also participates in the preparation of resource information and regulations related to the districts and regions of Puget Sound. The incumbent will conduct scuba diving activities requiring specific skills and passing an initial and annual medical examination for professional scuba diving.

Typical hours are 8:00 to 4:30 but flexible hours are required during field operations, including 12 hours per day and sometimes more than 40 hours per week. Duties include working with computers doing data entry, editing, and analysis. Field work includes scuba diving in depths to 100 feet in salt and freshwater that is cold and subject to currents, working and operating research and fishing vessels often in inclement conditions, heavy lifting (up to 80 pounds); maintaining research equipment including vessels, computers, remotely operated vehicles, and water quality meters; and transporting staff in agency owned vehicles. Duties also include laboratory work using chemicals to preserve and store biological samples, dissection of collected field specimens for age, growth, and genetic analysis, and processing video records from underwater surveys.

Qualifications

This position requires a bachelor's degree with a major in fisheries, wildlife management, natural resource science, or environmental science and at least one year of experience that is closely related to one or more of the competencies identified below. Successful completion of a basic scuba diving course given by a nationally recognized scuba training organization is **also required** for this position.

Competencies: The best qualified applicants will have experience, education, and training that demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities in the following areas:

- Working knowledge of Puget Sound groundfishes including their identification and biology;
- Basic understanding of survey, stock assessment, and biological sample collection methods;
- Basic skills to perform scuba diving including counting fish and collecting biological observations of fish underwater and performing light work underwater maintaining buoys, reference lines, and other research or light construction activity; these skills should be supported by at least twelve logged scuba dives, six of which have been completed within the last year, and 15 hours of cumulative bottom time at a depth greater than 40 feet.
- Working knowledge and proficiency operating and maintaining research vessels, sampling equipment, and other field or laboratory equipment including vessels to 40 feet in length, high and low-voltage electrical and electronic equipment, hydraulic equipment remotely-operated vehicles, underwater television cameras, dredges, nets, water samplers;
- Basic knowledge of relevant statistics, geographic information systems, database management and analytical methods;
- Working knowledge of technical report writing.

How to apply

Submit the completed state application along with a letter of interest. Also, on a separate paper, for each one of the key competencies above, describe the work experience education and other accomplishments that demonstrate how you meet the competencies. Send these materials to wdfwjjobs@dfw.wa.gov. If you have questions about this recruitment, you may also contact Margaret Gordon, Recruitment Specialist at 360-902-2209.

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